

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 39, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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The heating belt 51 which is a heating member moves circularly following the rotation of the pressure roll 64. Therefore, in this embodiment, in order to improve the sliding property, a sheet material which is high in abrasion resistance and excellent in sliding property, such as a glass fiber sheet (CHUKOH CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES, LTD.: FGF400-4 or the like) impregnated with Teflon resin, is interposed between the heating belt 51 and the pad member 62. Further, a release agent such as silicon oil is ~~applied~~ applied, as lubricant, to the inner surface of the heating belt 51, so as to improve the sliding property. Thus, during real heating, the driving torque of the pressure roll 64 at a time of idle rotation can be reduced from about 6 kg · cm to about 3 kg · cm. Accordingly, the heating belt 51 follows the pressure roll 64 without sliding thereon, so that the heating belt 51 can move circularly at a velocity equal to the rotation velocity of the pressure roll 64.
